



Preventing Radicalisation Grant Initiative – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General

1. What is Prevent?

The Prevent Programme is designed to stop individuals from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism through tailored interventions designed to address the personal and social factors which can make people susceptible to radicalisation, diverting individuals away from being drawn into violent ideologies and terrorist activity.

2. Why has the Home Office introduced this new method of funding?

The Preventing Radicalisation initiative has been set up to mitigate against radicalisation risks identified by local Prevent leads. The aim of the funding stream is to provide a mechanism for Prevent project delivery to address these issues in partnership with local authorities that do not currently receive Home Office funding.

3. How has the Independent Review of Prevent impacted future project delivery?

All 34 recommendations from the Independent Review of Prevent have been accepted by the Government. The recommendations state that Prevent should focus on tackling the ideological causes of terrorism. All projects delivered through this fund must contribute to tackling the ideological causes of terrorism identified by local Prevent leads and provide early interventions to those identified as most susceptible to radicalisation.

4. What are the different phases of the Grant Initiative?

The initiative will be split into two phases.

- I) **Framework Providers:** We will open up the framework for project providers to apply to be on it.
- II) **Mini Competitions:** The project providers selected to be on the framework will then be able to respond – through mini

competitions – to bids submitted by local authorities for projects to address radicalisation risks.

Framework Applications

1. How do I submit an application to be on the framework?

You can access the application form through the Groundwork UK website www.groundwork.org.uk/preventing-radicalisation-grant-initiative. Click on the Apply Now button which will take you to our online application form. We use an online grant management system called Flexigrant. Section 1.11 in the guidance document explains how to use the Flexigrant system.

2. What is the deadline for framework applications to be submitted?

The closing date for new applications to be approved to be on the framework is 13th October 2023.

3. How will you decide which organisations will be on the framework?

Each application will be assessed by Groundwork UK and the Home Office. Applications will be assessed against your organisations experience and expertise. Due diligence will be carried out on both your organisation and your senior directors. A final decision about which organisations will be on the framework will be made by a panel consisting of Groundwork UK and Home Office representatives.

4. What will be the process for project providers already on the framework?

For project providers already on the framework we will be running annual due diligence checks on your organisation and senior directors.

5. What happens if an organisation fails due diligence checks?

For organisations already on the framework and do not pass due diligence checks, we will inform of you of the decision with feedback. This will mean you will be unable to respond to existing and new project scopes.

If you are newly applying to be on the framework and fail the due diligence checks, you will be informed, and your application will not proceed any further.

6. When will we know if we have been successful to be a provider on the framework?

We aim to notify applicants if they have been successful within 8 weeks of receiving your application.

7. My organisation is currently delivering a live Prevent project through local authority funding provided by the Home Office, can we still apply to be on the framework?

Yes. You can apply to be on the framework.

8. My organisation has not delivered Prevent programmes before. Will we still be able to apply to be on the framework?

Yes. We are aware some project providers may not have previously worked on Prevent delivery. The application form asks for your previous experience in delivering both Prevent projects and other projects where you have worked with vulnerable beneficiaries. Please include details of other relevant work that you have undertaken in section 5.5 of the application form.

9. Will there be an opportunity to apply to be on the Framework after the initial closing date of, 13th October 2023

Yes. The application process will reopen later in the year. However, please be aware that project providers not approved in the first wave of applications may not be on the framework in time to apply to deliver the first round of mini competitions.

Mini Competitions

1. What is a mini competition?

Local authorities will need to complete a bid form this will include details of the radicalisation risks within their area that they would like addressed. The bid form will be uploaded onto the Groundwork portal. All project providers on the framework will be informed about the new bid and a mini competition will begin. Project providers on the framework will have the opportunity to submit a response to the bid (if they wish to do so) to address the identified risk. Each response submitted will go to a panel where a final decision will be made, and a project provider selected to deliver the project.

2. Who will sit on the decision-making panel for the mini competitions?

Panel members will include representatives from the Home Office, Groundwork UK and the relevant local authority.

3. Will opportunities to deliver projects be in certain geographical locations?

Mini competitions will be developed in response to bids submitted by local authorities. These will each be for delivery in specific areas of the country. We anticipate having a mix of local and national project providers on the framework to be able to respond to these bids.

4. Can a project provider apply for more than one mini competition?

Yes. Project providers can apply for as many mini competitions as they feel they are able to deliver. It is important to remember that all project activity must take place before 14th June 2024, therefore all projects will need to be delivered simultaneously within this period.

5. Can project providers work in partnership to put in a joint application for a mini competition?

Yes, project providers who are on the framework can work together to submit a joint application. One project provider will need to be the lead organisation as the grant agreement for delivery will be between Groundwork UK and one organisation only.

6. How long will project providers have to respond to mini competitions?

Each mini competition will run for approximately 3 weeks.

Delivery of Mini Competition Projects

1. If we are successful at getting onto the framework, when will delivery of the mini competition projects take place?

Mini competitions will be released from mid-October 2023 onwards. Each mini competition will have its own timescale for project delivery.

2. What happens next when a project provider wins the mini competition?

If your project is successful you will receive a grant offer letter and terms and conditions which you will need to read carefully before you accept the offer.

Once you have accepted the offer and have met any conditions associated with the offer, you will be allocated a Grants Officer at Groundwork UK. Your Grants Officer will be your main point of contact for any queries in relation to your grant. It will be their role to monitor the progress of your project and to administer payments of your grant. As the project provider you will be responsible for contacting the local authority to arrange the inception meeting.

3. Who is responsible for monitoring my project?

Groundwork UK is responsible for monitoring the progress of your project. To do this, you will need to complete progress reports which will be available through your Flexigrant account. You will be required to submit a short summary of what has been agreed from the inception meeting detailing; project delivery agreed (number of sessions agreed, in person or virtual etc), objectives you will meet, evaluation mechanisms to show how you have met those objectives; an interim report, halfway through the delivery of your project and a final report once your project is complete.

4. If my application to deliver a mini competition project is successful, how will my grant be paid?

Your grant will usually be paid in three instalments as follows:

- First instalment: 50% of grant awarded on receipt of summary from inception meeting.
- Interim instalment: 40% of grant awarded on submission of interim report.
- Final instalment: 10% of grant awarded on submission of final report.

5. What happens once projects have been completed?

The project provider will need to arrange a debrief session with the local authority they are delivering the project for, and the final reports will need to be signed off by the local authority before submitting it to Groundwork UK for final payment.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. What is Groundwork UK's role?

Groundwork UK has been awarded the contract for administering this fund. Groundwork are responsible for the application process for both the framework and for the mini competitions and for monitoring the mini competition projects throughout delivery. Any changes to delivery of your project will need to be approved by Groundwork UK.

2. What is the role of the local authority?

The local authority will work with successful project provider throughout project delivery to identify beneficiaries of the project, share local insight and arrange introduction to local partners where needed. They will also need to attend key meetings such as inception meeting and debrief once the project has been completed.

3. How would the project be managed between local authority and project provider?

The project provider will be required to liaise with the local authority upon being commissioned. This will require a partnership to be developed between the local authority and the project provider, the local authority will agree project delivery approach and final evaluation report for the project.

4. What is the role of the Home Office?

The Home Office have oversight of the delivery of the grant initiative Preventing Radicalisation and have provided the funding. Groundwork have been awarded the contract for administering the grant initiative which will be evaluated in June 2024.

Help and Support

1. What help is available to me if I want to speak to someone about my application?

You can contact Groundwork UK at any point during the application process at prevent@groundwork.org.uk or on 0121 237 3610. Our grants officers will be available to answer your questions and provide support with applying.